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E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: TSPA
SUBJECT: NASA STATION ISSUE

REF: (A) TANANARIVE 0267, (B) STATE 026243

1. SOLOFOSON CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE FEB 17 AND SAID THAT, IF GDRM HAS CORRECTLY INTERPRETED USG PROPOSAL PER REF B, USG IS PREPARED TO ABANDON ALL NASA EQUIPMENT IF EQUIPMENT HAS DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY. THEREFORE, GDRM PROPOSES THAT USG AND GDRM AGREE AT THIS POINT THAT (A) USG WOULD ABANDON ALL EQUIPMENT AT NASA STATION; (B) THIS WOULD OBTAIN NEED FOR NASA TEAM TO INSPECT EQUIPMENT; (C) NO PAYMENTS WOULD BE MADE; AND (D) AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED TRANSFERRING ALL NASA EQUIPMENT FROM USG TO GDRM.

2. SOLOFOSON OBVIOUSLY BELIEVED THAT USG WILL READILY ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL. HE SAID THAT GDRM IS TAKING A CERTAIN RISK BECAUSE MAYBE, AS NASA SUSPECTS, THE EQUIPMENT MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY USEABLE. NONETHELESS, GDRM IS INTERESTED IN USING THE EQUIPMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH, ETC.

3. COMMENT: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF ULTERIOR
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MOTIVES EXIST FOR GDRM'S NEW PROPOSAL, BUT IT APPEARED THAT SOLOFOSON IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE DECISION ASAP. FROM SOME OF HIS BRIEF COMMENTS TO ME, I INFERRED THAT BY ELIMINATING NEED FOR NASA TEAM'S VISIT, GDRM WILL AVOID INTERNAL SQUABBLE OVER NASA ISSUE. THIS WOULD ALSO PERMIT RATSIRAKA TO SOLVE THE ISSUE ON HIS OWN TERMS (AS FAR AS GDRM IS CONCERNED).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SOLOFOSON ASKED IF HE COULD BE
INFORMED AS TO HOW SOON USG REPLY MIGHT BE IN COMING.
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